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1. _____ the Ecuadoran Ministry of National Defense has received secret information that the Peruvian Army has definitely made moves to reinforce the Ecuadoran border. This action was interpreted by the Ecuadoran Defense Minister as aggressive in design and led the Minister of Defense to initiate the following precautionary measures against the Peruvian Army:

   a. On 15 May 1949 a secret convoy of reserve arms and ammunition, primarily infantry and artillery weapons, was shipped from the Almacenes Centrales de Quito (Central Depots) by rail to Machala in the Province of El Oro for distribution to the troops in the frontier area. It has not been determined how much equipment was shipped.

   b. On 17 May Lt. Col. Cesar Alfaro, Deputy Chief of Staff, and Lt. Col. Ernesto Villacis, Assistant Chief of Staff, Army Intelligence, General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ecuador, departed for an extensive survey of the situation on the Ecuadoran-Peruvian border. They were expected to be gone for fifteen or twenty days.

2. In response to the order that all citizens born in 1929 report for military duty, 1,000 conscripts were enrolled in the First Military Zone.*

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